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1. SUMMARY: IN CCD'S JULY 19 INFORMAL MEETING ON ITS
PROGRAM OF WORK, US REP INTRODUCED REVISED LANGUAGE
RELATING TO FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF CREATION OF
NEGOTIATING WORKING GROUPS, WHICH CONTINUED TO BE OPPOSED
BY MEXICO, BUT WAS RELUCTANTLY ENDORSED BY SWEDEN.

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MEXICAN REP RESTATED CALL FOR DISCUSSIONS OF COMMITTEE
PROCEDURES DURING WEEK OF AUGUST 15 THROUGH 19, AND
WAS SUPPORTED BY SWEDISH REP. ADOPTION OF CCD SUMMER SCHEDULE
WAS POSTPONED TO NEXT PLENARY MEETING PENDING FURTHER
PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS ON QUESTION OF INCLUDING
DISCUSSIONS ON PROCEDURES. END SUMMARY

2. BEGINNING CCD'S JULY 19 INFORMAL MEETING ON ITS PROGRAM OF WORK, US REP (FISHER), SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN (US, USSR), PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE IN RELATION TO SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF NEGOTIATING WORKING GROUPS (PARA 3 REFTEL): QUOTE FURTHER, PURSUANT TO THE DECISION OF 29 APRIL 1977, AS WELL AS THE RELEVANT DISCUSSIONS OF THIS DECISION IN THE COMMITTEE, THE CO-CHAIRMEN NOTE THAT THE COMMITTEE CAN ESTABLISH AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP WHENEVER IT DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE TO DO SO UNDER THE PROCEDURAL DECISION OF 21 APRIL. THE COMMITTEE CAN CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF SETTING UP SUCH A GROUP LATER IN THE SESSION. UNQUOTE. EXPLAINING THE PROPOSAL, US REP SAID THAT THE FIRST SENTENCE HAD BEEN AGREED TO IN PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS. REGARDING THE SECOND SENTENCE THE MEXICAN REP HAD PROPOSED THAT IT SAY THAT THE SUBJECT OF WORKING GROUPS COULD BE DISCUSSED AT ANY TIME AT THE REQUEST OF A SINGLE MEMBER. US REP SAID THAT ALTHOUGH A SINGLE MEMBER CAN RAISE ANY QUESTION, A SINGLE MEMBER CANNOT FORCE THE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE TO DISCUSS IT; THAT THIS IN TURN DEPENDS ON RULE OF REASON AND A SENSE OF THE PREVAILING WISHES OF THE COMMITTEE'S MEMBERS, RATHER THAN ON ANY MATHEMATICAL FORMULA.

3. SWEDISH REP (THORSSON) INDICATED A RELUCTANT WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THE NEW FORMULA, SAYING THAT SHE AGREED WITH THE US EXPLANATION ON THE NEED TO APPLY A RULE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF REASON. MEXICAN REP (GARCIA ROBLES), DECLARING HE REMAINS UNSATISFIED, ASKED WHETHER, IN VIEW OF THE PHRASE "THE COMMITTEE CAN CONSIDER," THE CO-CHAIRMEN THEREBY AGREE NOT TO BE OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO FUTURE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF CREATING NEGOTIATING WORKING GROUPS, AND TO MAINTAIN NEUTRALITY, US REP (FISHER) REPLIED THAT HE WOULD IN ANY CASE RETAIN THE RIGHT AND DUTY TO EXPRESS THE VIEWS OF THE USG, BUT THAT THE NEW FORMULA WOULD MEAN THAT FUTURE DISCUSSION COULD NOT BE OBJECTED TO ON THE GROUNDS OF BEING OUT OF ORDER.

4. MEXICAN REP (GARCIA ROBLES) REPEATED HIS EARLIER CALL FOR DISCUSSING CCD PROCEDURES AS WELL AS A COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM (CNP) DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 15 THROUGH 19, INFERRING THAT HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE ADOPTION OF THE SCHEDULE UNLESS THIS ITEM WERE INCLUDED. SWEDISH REP (THORSSON) SUPPORTED THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL, SAYING THAT IN VIEW OF THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD), SCHEDULED FOR MAY-JUNE 1978, THE CCD MIGHT WITH TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF DEPARTING FROM ITS NORMAL PRACTICE IN ORGANIZING ITS WORK IN THE INTERIM.

5. CHAIRMAN-OF-THE-DAY (COMOKOS, HUNGARY), NOTING THE ABSENCE
OF A CONSENSUS, CALLED FOR PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD
IN AN EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT PRIOR TO THE COMMITTEE'S
PLENARY MEETING ON THURSDAY, JULY 21, SO THAT THE PROGRAM
OF WORK COULD BE ADOPTED AT THAT TIME.
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